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For: INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR BINDING PROTEIN FRAGMENTS AND THE
UTILIZATION THEREOFSECOND PRELIMINARY MENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant Amendment is submitted in connection with the response to the Notice to Comply, filed concurrently herewith.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, line 20, thru page 2, lines 1-10, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Preferred peptides are peptides having an amino acid sequence of formula



wherein

R_1 is NH_2 , an amino acid or a peptide having an amino acid sequence comprising up to 41 amino acids, X_1 is a peptide having an amino acid sequence comprising from 24 to 31 amino acids, X_2 is a peptide having an amino acid sequence comprising 9 amino acids, X_3 is a peptide having an amino acid sequence comprising 10 amino acids, X_4 is